TENT TOWN TOPICS

COMPANY-1421 C.C.C. FLA-P-65.

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CAPT. T. E. PHILLIPS, 345TH INFANTRY.

Capt. T. E. Phillips, 345th Inf. is not only a man of distinction now, but apparently always has been. He was born on Feb. 5, 1905, in Hogansville, Ga. He attended High School in Hogansville and Eufaula, Ala. While in high school he played on the football, baseball, basketball and track teams. After graduating from high school with many honors, he went directly to Auburn University, where he was destined to become one of the outstanding figures on the campus.

At Auburn he became a member of the College of Commerce, and took four years of Military Science. Throughout his college career he demonstrated in many fields the high qualities of leadership that he possessed. In 1926 he was graduated with truly an enviable record. Among the more prominent offices that he held were president of the Senior Class, president of the Student Body, president of the Student Council, and Cadet Colonel in R. O. T. C.

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KELLY WINS NAME CONTEST

Bob Kelly of West Palm Beach won the name contest with an excellent name. The selection committee composed of members of the Army staff and the Educational Advisor, agreed unanimously that it was the best name submitted. It is already an accepted fact that "Tent Town Topics" is equally good or better than the names of papers from other camps in the State. It fits the camp perfectly, and Bob is to be congratulated on his selection.

HISTORY OF 1421

The original members of Company 1421 met at Ft. Screven, Ga., on April 27, 1933. They were the first of the Corps Area to reach the fort and acted as a reception company for all the incoming boys. They helped condition some 15,000 enrollees during the time they were there. On June 28, 1933, after the 15,000 men had come and gone, they were transferred to where the present camp is situated. They, however, did not have a beautiful, clean camp to receive them, but were welcomed by the sight of the briars and dod fennels that covered the camp site. Three days later a group of new enrollees arrived in camp. With the help of the new boys, it did not take long for them to get the site in pretty good shape.

At first the tents were used alone, without floors and board sides. The mess hall was not completed, so a cook-tent and field ranges were used for two weeks until it was ready for occupation. It was not until November that the tents were completely floored. Also, the construction on the Recreation Hall was begun in November.

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COMPANY 1421 PLACES THIRD IN DISTRICT

Company 1421 took third place in the district contest held to determine the best camps in District "F". This is considered an honor since all the camps in the district, which includes Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, were competing. Homerville, Ga. took 1st place and Co. 1420, Ocala, took second place.

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It is the endeavor of the above staff, composed of members who have had little or no experience in journalism, to produce a camp paper of which we will all be proud.

The success of the paper depends upon the cooperation of the boys as well as the staff.

The staff will appreciate any news furnished by the camp members, and will try to publish news that will interest the boys as well as their friends and relatives at home. Editor.

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E D I T O R I A L S

The entire personnel of the Company is to be congratulated upon the camp's ranking of third in the District. The editor, therefore, takes this opportunity to congratulate the camp staff and every member of the company.

The reason the first place was not given to this camp was because of the condition of the tents. Corners were not swept clean and clothing was hung in almost every tent. We are all on probation for two weeks to determine whether we are capable of keeping the tents in the proper order. If we are not, week-end leaves will be curtailed, and all members of the company will have to remain in the camp unless issued a pass for some good reason. Therefore, we must all get together and put every tent in first class condition and take care of the entire camp.

,I would suggest Kangaroo Court be held once weekly, and all occupants of tents not in order be tried and sentenced by the court. Inspectors appointed by the court can examine each tent and take the names of the occupants. If this ismfollowed out, at the next District Inspection we will, without a doubt, rank first instead of third.

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TWENTY FIVE TAKE TRIP SOUTH

Red Durden is taking about twenty five boys to south Florida for the Labor Day holidays. The boys will leave at three o'clock, this afternoon and plan to return for work Tuesday morning. We hope that all the boys going south will go with a driver they all know to be as reliable as Red is, rather than go with an unskilled or untried party.

LIEUT EDWARDS RETURNS

Lieut. Edwards returned Saturday morning from a visit to South Carolina with his wife and son. A week earlier he had motored home through the country with Lieut. Martin of the East Port Camp. We were all glad to learn that his wife and young son were getting along so well. It is rumored that he experienced a very enjoyable return trip on the train! Better watch your stop, Lieut. ! ! !

SPACE FILLERS

By ? ?

This is the first issue of the camp paper and also our first attempt at producing a column. Neither may amount to much, but we have hopes. This column may not mean much or have much news, but at least it will fill a little space, so here goes: -

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Tiger Taggart has been getting along, doing little more than his share of gold-bricking since one of the boys from Miami has been on the bridge crew. This boy knows but little about lifting logs with that tool called a "Hell-Hood."

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Beans Smith, one of our better K. P.'s and sports editor of this publication, held the Amatuer Light-weight boxing championship of the state in 1930 and 1932.

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Rabbit Turner was the subject of envy of all the right-of-way crew last Friday when he had to sit to cut a stump. If as much sitting as cutting is done, the right-of-way crew will be nursing callouses on other places besides their hands.

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If as many boys from the South of the state leave on Labor Day, as plan to, the police in Palm Beach and Lake Worth will have to call out the reserve to handle them.

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Colonel Holmberg, the dashing enrollee from Palm Beach, is considered one of the best duck hunters that ever hit this camp. His spotting eye is positively uncanny; frequently spotting a cigarette before it is lit.

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Jack Wertz, the Lake Worth gob, (he once saw a sail boat), is still looking for a chance to gold-brick. He started out at first aid, transferred to the right of way, hit the bridge crew, caught K. P., and is now

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IMPROVEMENTS

There has been quite a bit of activity going on over near the supply room. When the project under construction is finished we are sure it will be a welcomed improvement in the camp.

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KANGAROO COURT HELD

Kangaroo court held session Friday and Monday nites. His Honor, Jimmy Pagonis, was judge, while Frisky Powell acted as Prosecuting Attorney, and W. R. Monroe defended those who asked for trial.

Ten Years "out West" was the most popular sentence, administered by George Steele, Tony Graeco and Nash were unable to sit down for a while after receiving 20 and 21 "years" respectively.

The most popular feature Friday nite was when Jimmy Pagonis received his sentence. There was a free for all to see who would administer it.

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LOCKERS ARRIVE

Well, our lockers arrived Wednesday, setting a new speed record for anything ordered. They were only a week later than their latest scheduled arrival day.

For the next few days there will be nothing left hanging up around any of the tents, and a few boys from the Glades will wear out their keys seeing how many locks theirs will open.

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SPEEDY RECOVERY

Lloyd Brown's stomach ailments were cured by a peculiar prescription of Major Spencer. One day in the infirmary was plenty for Lloyd.

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"I have a ring - worm," says I to the First Aid Man. He gave me a cc pill.

Outside of working six hours each day, and eating three wholesome meals, this camp takes the greatest interest in sports, especially in baseball, boxing, swimming, tennis, and last but not least, football.

The sport that we are interested in at the present time is baseball. The players are: E. B. Smith and H. Fullerton, catcher; J. W. Savage, H. Norris (captain), and H. Eddy pitcher; Ben Richardson first base; Wilson W. Cone second base; Lloyd Brown shortstop; N. B. Smith, third base; W. R. Monroe, left field; W. Livingston center field. Other players are: G. Steele, J. Harris, and Bill Eddy; Jack Wortz, score-keeper, Bill Anderson umpire. The team has won six of the last seven games, and has many games yet to play.

The swimmers under the coaching of Frisky Powell, are developing fast and hope to be in shape to give an account of themselves before long.

The tennis team is getting a new court and expects to get under way soon and have as many matches as possible in the future.

Major Spencer is getting a group of interested boys together, and expects to have one of the best boxing teams in this district.

This fall the pigskin will start sailing thru the air, and we hope to [illegible] eleven under it ready to give [illegible] of themselves against many [illegible] in this district. We, [illegible] time, are practicing to [illegible] that make good follow- [illegible] opponents possible as [illegible] our friends.

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PARTY?

Capt. Phillips, (at ball game). "What is the score?"

Course of By-Standers. "Six to [illegible]."

[illegible]. Phillips, (In a surprised tone) "I thought the score was tied."

BASEBALL

Another game, another rain. Preisdent Roosevelt should send the baseball team of this camp to the drought area. According to past performances it would be a great help to the dry lands.

The Camp Foster - P-65 game August 23rd only lasted until the beginning of the last of the second inning when it was called because of rain. The score was Camp Foster-1, P-65-0.

The Starke game August 28th was just beginning to go nicely when it started to rain. I arrived late so will have to begin at the second half of the first inning. Hall of Starke made the only run and Mannassa the only hit of the inning.

First of the second. Brown popped out to first, Richardson singled and E. Smith flew out to left field. Richardson made the third out by being caught between first and second.

Starke made three runs in their half of the second. These were made by Mannassa, Sparkman and Copeland. Only one of these however, was an earned run. Epperson bunted and was thrown out at first, Savage assisting. Hall grounded out to Brown and Powell bunted for the third out.

First of the third. Livingston struck out, Bean Smith was hit by a wild pitch and walked to first. Harris fouled out to the catcher. Miller hit to the pitcher and was thrown out at first.

Last of the third. Jones flew out to Livingston. Hall hit to Savage and was thrown out at first. Mannassa grounded out to Smith.

First of the fourth. Cone grounded out to the pitcher. Savage grounded out to Second, Brown then hit the ball for a two bagger scoring a minute later on Richardsons double. Then came the rain leaving Richardson stranded on second.

What girl in Starke sent a boy a telegram collect? Was he hot?

"ALL ABOARD FOR THE SIDE CAMP"

When the Side Camp needs new men it causes mental unrest and indecision among us as to whether we want to make the change. If volunteers fail to meet the quota the Captain's eagle eye sweeps the ranks, scanning each man closely, questions and answers follow, reasons are given for and against the transfer. If excuses are reasonable then the man is allowed to remain at the home camp.

Finally the quota is filled. After talking it over we gather a few belongings and on Friday, Floyd McCullough and Lewis Hamilton, or Marcoy Lang come over in the big Chevrolet truck for supplies and so we board the truck, sitting close to the cab in order to escape the bouncing of the truck over the rough bumps.

After leaving the base camp we head for the ice house in Green Cove Springs. Here we take on 200 pounds of ice, several varieties of meats and other supplies. At the same time we manage to grab a big handful of "snow ice" which we proceed to eat or force down each others collar. We make another stop at the pressing club to pickup suits that had been left to be cleaned.

Heading South, then circling in an Easterly direction by the airport and a huge Brahma bull, which we salute, we come to Shands bridge. After coming this 2.9 mile span we pass the graded road which leads along the shore of the St. Johns to the camp. This route is so rough the driver takes one further on which is bounded with wild scenery on each side. Beautiful groves of mighty oaks, low flats covered with stately pine timber, swamps with many species of hardwood hold our attention.

The town of Picolata consists of a turpentine still, quarters, commissary, and homes of several white residents, with a few orange trees growing in the fields and around the houses. An old dock can be seen jutting into the river where turpentine was loaded into boats for other parts before the days of rail transportation. A few hundred feet beyond this in a grove of great oaks and tall pines we catch a view of "Old Glory" standing out proudly from the top of a tall, peeled-pine mast. This marks the end of our trip and we roll over the rustic bridge of the camp entrance.

Just inside the entrance and facing the river is a two room log cabin, very neat in appearance with the cracks between the logs filled with cement which enhances the appearance of the structure. The company street is faced on either side by six tents, walled and floored barracks style. First Aid facilities are available at the Southeast end of the street - just north is another tent where Mr. J. Fred Chapman, Camp Foreman and Mr. Hubert Sharpless, Project Foreman, make their headquarters. To complete the camp there are two shower rooms, the mess hall building which also holds the supply room, and a tent shelter for the purpose of housing trucks and other equipment.

There are numerous facilities for entertainment and recreation for leisure time and we recommend for a camp name - " Camp We-Like-It" on the St. Johns."

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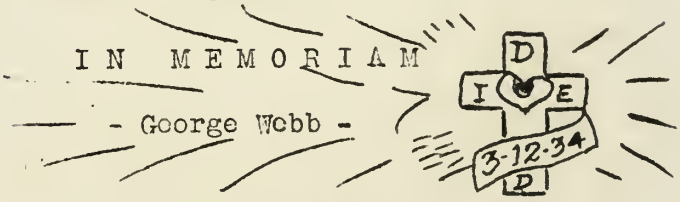

NEWS FROM FORMER MEMBERS

Wilbur K. Turner, the likeable, well built chap who won the nickname of "Tarzan" because of his tree climbing ability and poweress in capturing Fox squirrels, hitch hiked from his home in Orlando to San Diego, California and is now Private W. K. Turner, U. S. Marine Corps.

Joe Peterman and Donald Smith are at present visitors at Base Camp.

I wonder if "3 pints" could spare a toni

Capt. T. E. Phillips, (Continued from Page 1.)
This is the highest rank attainable as a student. He was also an Honor Graduate in Military Science. He had been a member of the varsity baseball team, playing in the positions of both pitcher and out-fielder.

He made his home in Birmingham, Ala. after graduating, and there became active in Investment Banking. It was in Birmingham that he met Miss Dorothy Davis, and in 1929 she became Mrs. T. E. Phillips.

During his military career he has attended four summer camps, has graduated from the Commanding Officers Class at Ft. Benning (1932), and has been in the CCC work since September, 1933. He expects to go back into investment banking when he leaves the CCC. The entire company, however, hopes that he will be given another detail, and thus allowed to remain with us another tour.

Space Fillers, (Continued from page 3.)
back with the right of way.

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'Tis said that fatalities from rattlesnake bites average only 15%. That fifteen per cent will probably be in the right of way crew with Hovsepian as first aid.

FORESTERS ENJOY TRIPS

Captain Prewitt and Mr. Oldham of the Forestry service have both taken trips lately. Captain Prewitt's trip took him to Mississippi. We were unable to find out the object of the trip but since the wife was along it must have been O. K.

Mr. Oldham accompanied by his family, went to Madison, Georgia. One of the objects of the trip was to carry his young daughter to the dentist. We all hope that the treatments will be successful.

THRU THE KEYHOLE

"Grandy," (you know who I mean) likes to drive the General's car around. It's a brand new sport model, free wheeling "Georgia Buggy."

What top kick is about to lose a Jax Brunnette on account of a Starke Red-Head?

Looking for the guards? You'll find them on guard duty sound asleep.

And has Offen gone wild over a girl who has a Chevy Six or is the girl wild?

The boys enjoyed the trip to Jax. Let's have another one.

What tall and handsome K. P. lost a girl in Penney Farms on account of a little Red-Head? Red seems to be very popular, huh? I favor it myself sometimes.

And then there was the boy who went after the cottage for the cottage pudding. He was Red-haired.

"Hey, Cone, these pants don't fit, wonder why." This was heard so often when the new fellows came in.

The Fire season is almost here. The truck horns will be blowing for fires instead of blowing to go to the lake. These new guys don't know what a fire is and they'll be anxious to go while the old boys will be hiding under bunks and such. After the first fire the new fellows will probably be a little less anxious to go.

"Obliging!"

Tonic (side camp postman) to Eh-g-k-ter: "U got a Kard. Its from Mary."
Eh-g-k-ter: "Yeah?"
Tonic (same): "She's coming home soon."
Eh-g-k-ter: "She is?"
Tonic (same): "Yeah, she wants to see you."
Eh-g-k-ter: "Thanks?"
Tonic (same): "'Sall right, no trouble atall."

We wonder why Mister J. D. Brown does not sit down.

He sat down on the side steps. "Monkey"
he said, you had me fooled all along.

History 1421, (Continued from page 1.) It was January, however, before it was completed. Both the tent floors and the new recreation hall were welcomed additions to the camp. They furnished additional protection from the cold winter and made the camp seem more like a home.

In October, 1933 it became necessary to establish a side camp at Picolata. The work projects were so far from camp that it was cheaper and easier to have a side camp rather than make such long trips each day.

Since June, 1933, new enrollees have entered camp at the various ontervals, and have left as necessity demanded. In spite of this coming and going the camp has continued to improve in every respect. It is now considered one of the best in the district and proved this to be a fact by winning third place in the last inspection.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Church services are held twice Sunday at the recreation hall. Mr. Scott of Starke comes out at 8:30 A.M. and gives talks from the Bible. Last Sunday he brought the Evangelist who was conducting services in Starke and he spoke a few minutes on the theory of evolution.

At 7:30 P. M. Sunday, Miss Marcy and Mr. Buchanan are in charge of Services. A different minister from Penney Farms speaks each Sunday. Hymns are sung by enrollees and visitors from Penney Farms.

Both services are very much appreciated by the members of the camp.

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Charles M. Silcox spent Sunday and Monday in the hospital. He was treated for an arm injury received Sunday while swimming.

Levi Daughorty was absent from camp four days last week with a shoulder injury suffered August 17th. He returned from the Hospital Aug. 22nd.

Carl (Frisky) Powell is in the Veterans' Hospital at Lake City. He was rushed there Sunday, suffering from a stomach ailment. We have heard nothing further about his condition but we hope he is getting along well.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE BELT LINE
(Birthdays)

Liston O. Reed .....Sept. 6, 1934.
Geo. A. Steele .....Sept. 3, 1934.
Louis Glisson .....Sept. 2, 1934.

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DANCES

The dance held August 17th was thoroughly enjoyed by nearly every member of the camp. Many of the boys canceled plans for the week-end to stay over for it. Dancing started at 8:30 P. M. and continued to 11:30 P. M., when an intermission was held for refreshments to be served. Dancing then continued

Two of the features were a tap dance by Dick Hunt from the side camp and a tamborine dance by a Jacksonville girl who promised to do a fan dance the next time. This was the first dance held since the new boys arrived in camp and they are greatly in favor of having another soon.

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AH WANDA ?

If "Squatle " will ever be 8 feet tall.
If Spence Jr., will run the canteen on face value.
If "Frenchy" will complete his cast not.
What chance a horse has with Willie Butlers laugh.
If "Pinhead" sees the point.
If "Strawberry" Bickley's face is red.
If "Tiger" will ever reduce.
If "Heavy" will ever forget to salt the spuds.
If "Loud mouth" got his sugar.
If "Lemon" is sour on life.

So Long. See you next week.